

September 8 said Gally, that said Kirk was Prize Master on board said Sloop, received a Copy of Bennison's Commission from his First Lieutenant, and was Bound to York in Virginia, in order to Join the Enemy. Its possible that more may Turn out in Evidence at the Trial, but the above I think the most Material, be pleased to Inform me what you will do in respect to this Man.

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[M. Gist, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

The Commander in Chief has put into my hands this morning a list of Ordnance and Stores wanting for the intended operations in Virginia, amongst which are 10.18 pounders mounted on Travelling or Garrison Carriages; including the 2.18 pounders left by the Marquis at Annapolis. The remaining 8. he wishes to be furnished with, by this state, on any terms you may think proper to spare them for which he has requested me to write you immediately by Express, and if obtained to embark such as are mounted as early as possible.

The General desires I may acquaint you that these Cannon will be essentially necessary in his operations, and begs if there is not a sufficient number on Carriages, you will please to aid him so far as to order them to be mounted

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[Matt. Ridley, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

Yesterday Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington came here & this Morning very early pursued his Route to the Southward about twelve o'clock at noon Gen<sup>l</sup> de Rochambeau arrived & soon after went on his way to Virginia. This Information & which he desired me to communicate to you is,—The detachment of about 2500 men were to embark this morning at the Head of Elk with such baggage &<sup>ca</sup> as there were sufficient vessells to carry That the whole would have embarked but for want of the means. He therefore had ordered the remainder of the Troops amounting to 5000 to march for this Town & desired that every preparation might be made for embarking from hence. Spoke much of the difficulties and delays that would attend being obliged to march by Land & in short that it might be the cause of not succeeding in the expedition. He therefore desires that every exertion may be made for collecting Vessels from all parts & that they may be ordered to this place with the greatest expedition. Such as come in here will of course be stopd for the purpose and I have to beg your Excellency will direct all others here. Perhaps some may be found in the different Rivers. The Nautilus lays in Patuxent & would be of service on this occasion Indeed all craft of twelve Tons or upwards will be wanting. The Gen<sup>l</sup> was of opinion the Galley would answer well—particularly for convoying & carrying military stores. The managers for her are fitting her out but the want of money makes her go on very slowly. I believe she was once offered to the state. I would beg to submit it to consideration whether it